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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 25 and 44 to read as follows:

A<sub>1</sub> 25. (Amended) A semilunar heart valve as in Claim 24, wherein a center portion of the out-flow edge of each leaflet extends a distance proximal of a position at which the side edge meets the out-flow edge.

A<sub>2</sub> 44. (Amended) A prosthetic valve comprising:

a plurality of valve leaflets comprised of a flexible material, each leaflet having an inner surface and an outer surface, each leaflet attached to another leaflet along an attachment line, a portion of an inner surface face of one leaflet being in facing relationship with a portion of an inner surface of another leaflet at the attachment line; and

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